

### REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claim 22 is directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if placed in independent form. Claim 18, from which claim 22 directly depended, has been amended to include all of the subject matter of claim 22. Thus, claim 18 and dependent claims 21 and 24-30 are deemed to be in allowable form. Claim 34 has also been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 22 and thus is also deemed to be in allowable form. Claim 22 is now canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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